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Draft report of the thirteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, held in Bonn 25 to 27 March 2015

Rapporteur: Mr. Yuriy Kolmaz (Ukraine)

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I. Opening of the session

A. Opening statements

1. On 25 March 2015, the Chair of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, Mr. Philbert Brown (Jamaica), opened the thirteenth session of the Committee and made a statement.

2. A statement was made by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

B. General statements

3. Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa (Annex I)), India (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Asia (Annex II)), Colombia (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean (Annex III)), Portugal (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for the Northern Mediterranean (Annex IV)) and Armenia (on behalf of the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V)).

4. A statement was also made by the representative of Latvia (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States).

5. A statement was also made by the representative of Forestry and Environmental Action on behalf of civil society organizations (CSOs).

6. A statement was also made by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey on behalf of the Host Country of the forthcoming twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties.

C. Meetings of the Regional Implementation Annexes

7. Meetings of the Regional Implementation Annexes in preparation for the thirteenth session of the CRIC were held from 23 to 24 March 2015.

II. Procedural matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

8. At its first meeting, on 25 March 2015, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(13)/1 and Corr.1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Procedural matters:
   - (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;
   - (b) Appointment of the Rapporteur of the Committee.
2. Assessment of implementation of the Convention:

(a) Advocacy, awareness-raising and education;

(b) Policy framework;

(c) Science, technology and knowledge;

(d) Capacity-building;

(e) Financing and technology transfer.

3. Review of financial support for the implementation of the Convention.

4. Formulation, revision and implementation of action programmes in view of the post-2015 sustainable development framework.

5. Adoption of the comprehensive report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations.

9. Before the adoption of the agenda, statements were made by the representatives of Colombia (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of African States), Swaziland, Namibia, Brazil, Argentina, Ireland, Austria and China, after which the representatives of the UNCCD secretariat responded.

10. Also at the first meeting, the Committee approved the schedule of work for the session, as contained in annex II of document ICCD/CRIC(13)/1.

B. Appointment of a Rapporteur of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

11. At the first meeting, on 25 March 2015, the Committee appointed Mr. Yuriy Kolmaz (Ukraine) as Rapporteur of its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions.

C. Informal consultations

12. Informal consultations took place regularly during the session under the guidance of the Chair and the Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Attendance

13. The representatives of the following ____ Parties to the UNCCD attended the thirteenth session of the Committee:

[*to be completed]*

14. The session was also attended by observers from ____ country(ies) and ____ organization(s).

15. The following United Nations organizations, offices and specialized agencies were also represented:

[*to be completed]*

16. The session was also attended by ____ intergovernmental organizations and ____ CSOs, including non-governmental organizations.

E. Documentation

17. The documentation submitted for the consideration of the Committee is listed in the annex to this report.

III. Conclusions and recommendations

[to be completed]

IV. Conclusion of the session

A. Adoption of the comprehensive report of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to the Conference of the Parties, including conclusions and recommendations

[to be completed]

B. Closure of the session

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